

Preliminary Issues Statements -- Recreation Oroville Facilities Relicensing (FERC Project No. 2100)

RECREATION

R1: Adequacy of existing project recreation facilities, opportunities, and access to accommodate current use and future demand.

Example Comments:

1. Develop more areas for recreation.
2. Increase parking facilities.
3. Existing recreational facilities are not adequate to meet demand.
4. Increase camping facilities.
5. Has DWR completed or met all of its obligations for recreation mitigation under existing FERC license.
6. Open west side of Diversion Dam to public trails.

R2: Improved public safety at the Oroville facilities.

Example Comments:

1. Install warning systems for water releases.
2. Emergency boat for CDF.
3. Decrease fuel loads at west end of Diversion Dam.
4. Lake security and fines.

R3: Effects of facilities operations on recreation opportunities.

Example Comments:

1. Determine the potential impacts of lake level fluctuation on recreational opportunities.
2. Consider changes in flow rates on recreational fishing.

R4: Improved maintenance and clean-up activities.

Example Comments:

1. Clean up shoreline, particularly adjacent to camping and day use areas.
2. Clean up garbage, invasive species, and construction debris.

R5: Appropriate recreation management approach, funding and structure.

Example Comments:

1. Facility operation – agency plans, policies, mandates and method of adjustment, if necessary.
2. Manage the Feather Falls Scenic Area as Semi-Primitive Non-motorized.
3. Look at future reliable funding sources for recreational development.
4. Efficiently manage recreation in the LORSA.
5. Continue cooperation allowing the DPR to manage the reservoir area (including FS lands).

SOCIOECONOMICS

S1: Improve economic development through recreation-related tourism at the Oroville Facilities.

Example Comments:

1. Improve incentives for tourists to recreate at Lake Oroville.
2. Opportunities for expanded commercialization.

3. Promote and support competitive/spectator events (water skiing, bass tournaments).
4. Promote existing facilities.

S2: Assess the feasibility of economic development through lower local utility rates.

Example Comments:

1. Develop way to bring power and water directly from the project to Oroville to stimulate economy.
2. Create arrangement with local business community/industry to pay lower rates for water and electricity from Oroville Dam.